

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
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FY 2009 GOALS - END OF YEAR REPORT

- I. Maintain a partnership between Utah and EPA while implementing the Superfund program in Utah.

Measures:

- a. Participate in the biannual Region 8 State Superfund managers conferences.

STATUS: *DERR participated in the Region 8 Superfund managers meetings held in June and December.*

- b. Encourage and participate in regular coordination meetings with Region 8 remedial program managers, at least every 2 months, to coordinate activities and discuss pertinent issues.

STATUS: *DERR and EPA Superfund managers generally held monthly coordination calls on the third Wednesday of each month to discuss program and site specific issues.*

- c. Participate in monthly conference calls between directors of the State and EPA programs to coordinate activities and discuss pertinent issues.

STATUS: *Monthly calls between program directors were not held on a regular basis, but were held as needed.*

- d. Jointly organize and attend the annual retreat between EPA and State.

STATUS: *An annual retreat with EPA Region 8 Superfund managers and staff was held in October. Team-building exercises were a component of the retreat and a recommitment to communication was an outcome.*

- II. Continue to evaluate the groundwater solvent contamination problem in the Salt Lake City area and discuss potential solutions to the problems that are identified.

Measures:

- a. Continue to update the database of known groundwater solvent contamination problems in Utah.

STATUS: *This is done using the CERCLIS database managed by EPA. In addition, the DERR and EPA Site Assessment managers held a planning and coordination meeting in January and throughout the year as necessary to review the status of such sites.*

- b. Identify the best ways to address the problems that are identified.

STATUS: *Solutions are identified on a site-by-site basis and in consultation between DERR and EPA Region 8 staff.*

III. Apply the Operating Principles in all work activities.

Measures:

- a. Discuss the Operating Principles frequently during coordination meetings.

STATUS: *A discussion of, and recommitment to, the Operating Principles was part of the annual DERR/EPA retreat in October 2009 and part of the Region 8 SMOA/SSC work group which involved all the Region 8 states..*

- b. Ensure all communications are consistent with the Operating Principles.

STATUS: *DERR regularly conducted all communications consistent with the Operating Principles.*

IV. Coordinate proposal of Utah sites to the NPL.

Measures:

- a. Regularly discuss the status of sites that are under consideration for inclusion on the NPL.

STATUS: *DERR and EPA Region 8 staff regularly communicated and coordinated on sites in the Superfund process being considered for inclusion on the NPL.*

- b. Evaluate potential NPL sites during bimonthly coordination meetings.

STATUS: *Potential sites considered for the NPL were regularly discussed in both the monthly calls and periodic director's calls. Site specific discussions were held as needed as DERR and EPA coordinated NPL pre-listing activities.*

- c. Ensure thorough and comprehensive communication between the agencies for all sites that are under consideration for inclusion on the NPL.

STATUS: *Communications regarding activities for sites under consideration for NPL listing were often thorough and comprehensive.*

V. Encourage redevelopment of Superfund and Brownfields sites in Utah.

Measures:

- a. Encourage communities in Utah to participate in the Brownfields program and conduct Targeted Brownfields Assessments as requested by interested and eligible communities.

STATUS: *DERR conducted outreach activities directly to local governments as well as to government consortiums and trade groups in order to inform them of resources and services available to assist with Brownfields assessment, cleanup, and redevelopment. DERR provided letters of support to Assessment, Revolving Loan Fund, and Cleanup grant proposals submitted from local governments for the competitive National ARC grants.*

- b. Participate in monthly Region 8 Brownfields Team teleconferences and meetings.

STATUS: *DERR regularly participated in the Region 8 Brownfields team calls.*

- c. Attend the annual National and Western Regional Brownfields Conferences, as budgets allow.

STATUS: *DERR representatives attended the National Brownfields and Colorado Brownfields conferences in 2009.*

VI. Enhance the Utah superfund Program, improve the State's and EPA's ability to conduct Superfund activities in Utah, and complete the EPA required accomplishments for FY2009.

Measures:

- a. Prepare and submit funding applications and subsequent cooperative agreements for enhancement of the State Response Program.

STATUS: *DERR submitted a 128(a) funding request in 2009 for funding through September 2010. DERR also submitted the semi-annual reports required by the terms and conditions of the 128(a) funding..*

- b. Continue to develop the Utah Voluntary Cleanup Program and other State Response Programs.

STATUS: *DERR continued development of the Utah Voluntary Cleanup Program and other State Response Programs using 128(a) funding during the year.*

- c. Jointly develop and work to achieve the FY2009 Superfund Remedial Planned Accomplishments.

STATUS: *DERR and EPA Region 8 staff worked closely to achieve the planned accomplishments for the federal fiscal year. Accomplishments were celebrated at the annual DERR/EPA retreat in October.*